GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF WETLANDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of wetlands in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to conserve these wetlands;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Sasthamkotta of Kerala; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated to the States for the purpose, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has identified 108 wetlands in the country, covering 24 States and one Union Territory, for conservation and management of wetlands of national importance under the National Wetland Conservation Programme. Hundred percent assistance is given for conservation activities like survey & demarcation, catchment area treatment, desilting & dredging, bio-fencing, fisheries development, weed control, biodiversity conservation, pollution abatement, education & awareness and community participation.Research projects are also sponsored for undertaking research studies on various aspects of conservation and development of wetlands.List of identified wetlands, State/UT-wise, is enclosed as Annexure I.

(d) An amount of Rs 40.25 crores has been released for undertaking various conservation activities during the last five years.The details of funds released State-wise are given as Annexure II.This also includes release of Rs 16.23 lakhs during the last five years for Sasthamkotta wetland of Kerala.